

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 8, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 30 as follows:

--A transport format combination information TFCI field of the radio frame provided in a dedicated physical control channel DPCCH will indicate the manner in which the multiplexing is carried out. The transport format combination information TFCI field will indicate the transport format indicator TFI for each of the bearers whose data is multiplexed in the radio frame or frames in the dedicated physical data channel DPDCH. Each frame ~~[[has]]~~ incorporates two code slots, one for shared channels and one for the unshared channels. The TFCI information provides information on the rate associated with the speech and data respectively.--

On page 9, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 as follows:

--When the mobile station 18 is in communication with two base stations 10 and 12 which are controlled by different radio network controllers 14 and 16, the TCFI coding is modified as follows. A first type of coding is used for the TCFI coding in this scenario. In this embodiment 16.5 coding is used. This means that there are 16 possible symbols which are ~~represent~~ represented by 5 bits.--

On page 9, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 23 as follows:

--A second word WORD 2 relates to any data connection. The first base station 10 sends WORD 2 to the mobile station ~~[[16]]~~ 18. As there is no data connection between the second base station and mobile station 18 one of the following occurs: instead of a second code word, WORD 2, the second base station sends a series of zeros or the like, representing the second word. Alternatively, the second base station may not send the second word WORD 2. Accordingly, the mobile station may only receive one version of the second code word, WORD 2 from the first base station or a second version with zeros or the like. In the latter case, the two second words WORD 2 can be

combined so the effects of the connection where there is no data are ignored. This may be used to confirm that there is only one data connection.--

On page 10, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 1 as follows:

--The first word contains the TCFI information for the speech connection between the first base station 10 and the mobile station 18 and between the second base station [[2]] 12 and the mobile station 18. The TCFI information is the same from both the first and the second base stations.--

On page 12, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 21 as follows:

--It is also possible that the dedicated channel is only maintained to support handover or the like and only ~~contain~~ contains signalling information. In this case the first word WORD 1, would refer to the existence of the higher level control information.--